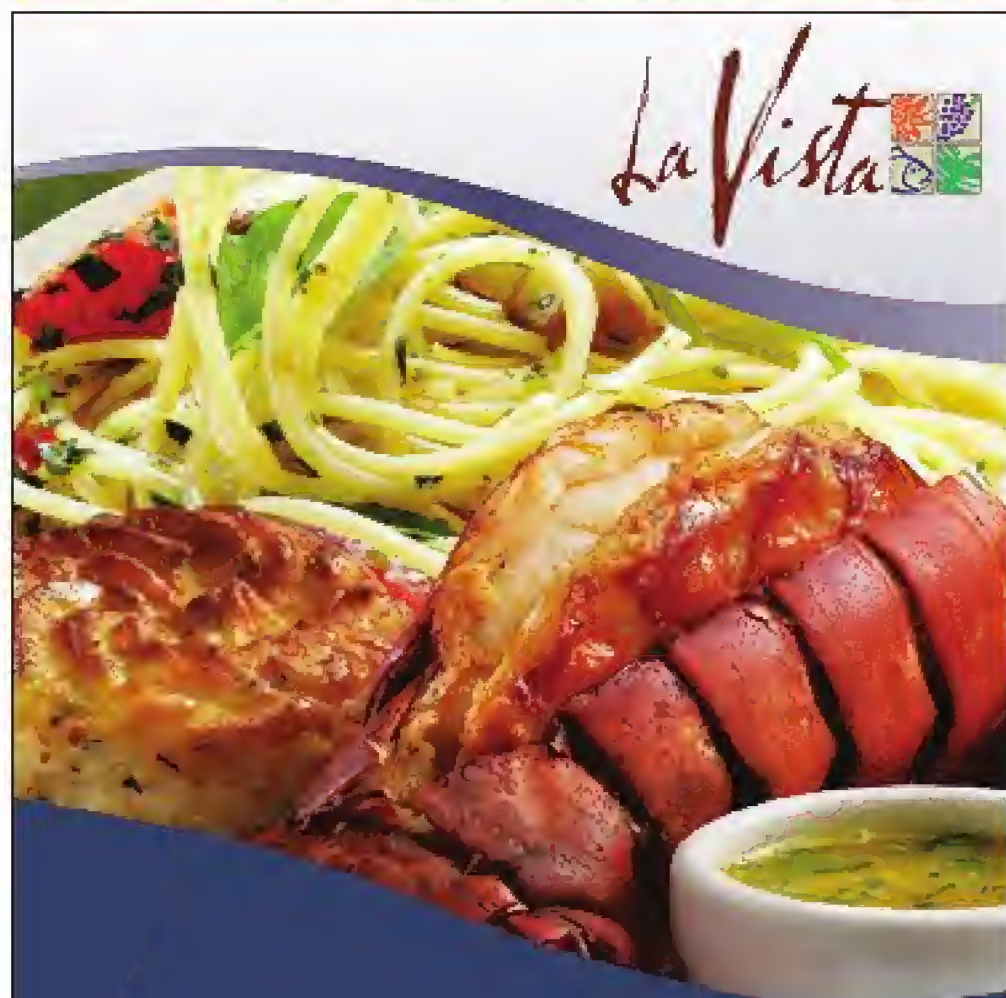


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Dutch cultural world recognizes three outstanding women



During a very lively reception held by VNO - representatives of the Dutch government, three women, namely, Alice van Romondt, Cynthia Macleod and Maartje van Weegen, were singled out as outstanding women in the world of Dutch culture. The occasion was es-

pecially organized to welcome the Julius Loefft theater group to Aruba.

The well-known author, Cynthia Macleod, TV presenter and interviewer of the Royal House, Maartje van Weegen, and recognized culturalist of Aruba Alice van Romondt were recognized for their dedicated work. These women have been making a valuable contribution to Dutch culture within the Dutch Kingdom and in

Surinam. They are also members of the Julius Loefft! team.

Much praise was expressed for Julius Loefft! An elegant piece of art was presented to Alice van Romondt by the interim Governor of Aruba, Ella Tromp-Yarzagaray. The three laureates were especially appreciative of the attention and recognition received. The Julius Loefft Foundation is headed by Noraly Beyer in Holland and Suzy Romer in Curacao.

UN chief calls anew for Morsi's release

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appealed anew Tuesday for the release of deposed Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi, in a telephone call with Egypt's foreign minister.

"He called for an end to all violence and urged the in-

terim authorities to ensure protection of the fundamental human rights of all Egyptians, including freedom of speech and assembly," a UN statement said, referring to Ban's message to Egyptian Foreign Minister Nabil Fahy.

Ban "reiterated his call for the release of Mr Mohammed

Morsi," it said.

He stressed that "an inclusive and peaceful political process is the only viable way forward in Egypt," the statement added.

Morsi has been held at an undisclosed location since his overthrow in a military coup on July 3.



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The "Huur-en Consumentenzaken" (Rent and Consumer Affairs Bureau) has taken notice that complaints registered against construction companies or of construction services are made primarily by women. The Bureau does not exactly name the cause, however they want to alert all consumers, male and female to become more critical whenever they present work to be done by these and other companies.

The complaints include a

variety of companies and for different types of products.

At the Bureau the complaints include, for example that: the companies begin the repair work in the home but then never complete the work, they failed to repair the roof adequately, the work was done very sloppily and of poor quality, the company built a swimming pool and in a very short time the pool deck is broken or the company poured a floor which ended up with multiple

cracks in no time.

For this reason, the Bureau has issued this bulletin to urge consumers to pay careful attention when purchasing services or making use of the services of construction companies. They should consider the following advice (tips):

- * Get quotations from at least three different companies

- * Get references from previous jobs and go by and see their previous work

- * Ask around from friends or others in the construction world if they know the company and and their work

- * Ask if the company will provide a guarantee of their work and what the guar-

antee will cover

- * Check the credentials of the company, etc. By this they mean ask what kind of professional preparation they have for the type of work you want done

- * Make very clear commitments regarding: price, date to begin the job, duration of the job, etc. If possible make a firm contract with conditions suitable to both parties

- * Put your work expectations on paper. Provide instructions in writing for both of you to be transparent with one another.

- * Always request receipts for payments made. It

is always best to make payments in installments as the work progresses.

- * Make certain to indicate mistakes and reprimand immediately about errors made. When reprimanding be serious without losing your respect nor making insults.

For more information regarding the laws dealing with the rights of consumers, register a complaint or forms of abuse against consumers, call or come by personally at the Dienst Huur-en Consumentenzaken at Wayaca 33, Tel: 582-9914. Or go online at: www.dhc.aw, like them on facebook or twitter or email at info@dhc.aw.

Arubus introduces new bus route to Baby Beach in San Nicolas



The government's objective is to afford our visitors the opportunity to visit San Nicolas and have access to the various tourist attractions on this part of the island. It is within that context that Arubus (Public Transportation system) has decided to add a new bus route to their many routes, this one to Baby Beach.

According to the Tourism Information Office in San Nicolas, there is a high demand from our visitors to have transportation to the beaches in San Nicolas.

Up until last week there

was no public transportation to reach these tourism attractions.

To comply with the demand, the Ministry of Tourism together with Arubus introduced this new route to San Nicolas leading to Baby Beach. The government is convinced that it is important to ensure that our visitors have public transportation to tourism attractions in San Nicolaas, and especially to the Baby Beach. Arubus will now be providing this valuable service to our visitors.


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Mrs. Universe candidates receive a royal welcome at Glitz Casino



The candidates join in the fun



Glitz GM Chris Scott with two reigning Aruban queens



This year's candidate representing Aruba Mirainne Geerman

The upside of being a candidate for the Mrs. Universe title of 2013 is a week-long trip to Aruba for the 32 entries, who will take to the stage at the Westin Aruba Re-



Candidates take over the Liquid Lounge

sort in Palm Beach this coming Sunday evening, August 11 to compete for the 2013 title.

This is the culmination of nearly a month of trav-

eling through the U.S., and many venues on the island are looking forward to giving the international contingent of candidates a typically warm and memorable Aruban



Candidates from Australia and Kenya



Candidates from India and Brazil

The ladies, who hail from all corners of the world, were then treated to a rousing evening with master Aruban singer and virtuoso showman, Giovanni Trim. This veteran performer, who appears regularly at La Cabana weekend happy hours around the pool, knows how to get the party started!

Giovanni soon had candidates and international press literally dancing in the aisles with his lively mix of Latin and international songs, and classic Aruban carnival music. The beat can't be denied, and everyone soon had hands in the air.

The casino treated the ladies to some time at the tables, complements of the house, and they sent them on their way with logo goody bags of handy items for the sun and beach. Pageant organizers were very pleased with demonstration of typical Aruban hospitality, as they expressed a large part of the pageant's purpose is for the candidates to share the culture and experience of the destination hosting the event.

The first was Glitz Casino in the La Cabana Beach Resort, which hosted the official opening night welcome party. The elegantly dressed candidates were personally greeted by Casino GM Chris Scott as they took over the Liquid Lounge. He was joined by the reigning Mrs. Universe Ltd, Aruba's entry to the 2012 pageant, Ysaura Wong, who was crowned in Russia last year.

By Rosalie Klein

An authentic taste of the Caribbean cuisine now at *Jamaica Mi Irie*



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The word "irie" has a plethora of meanings in Jamaican culture, from pure nirvana to feeling well satisfied, and patrons

will certainly feel at least the latter after a visit to Aruba's only authentic Jamaican restaurant, the newly opened Jamaica Mi Irie in San Nicolas.

The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-



Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

This very cute, cozy place is open for lunch and dinner daily, except Sundays and Mondays, from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. It is located directly across from the BSL Laundry on Captain Rodgerstraat, which runs along the refinery wall parallel to the San Nicolas main street.

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siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess.

The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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A new flurry of fashion for Paseo Herencia with famous international designer Eva Zissu



Designer Eva Zissu with her creations at Tunic

Former model and famed Venezuelan designer Eva Zissu has found a home and friends on Aruba, as well as an enthusiastic market for her fresh and fashionable resort wear. Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in Palm Beach is

Only Live Once, and their special line of kicky, colorful casual wear is available only on Aruba. They have opened their store with their first collection, themed "Peace, Love & Happiness." Other themed collections will follow with each season. Aside from the bright, youthful shorts, and stylish, feminine tees, the shop has a diverse collection of resort and sport wear from tailored to delightfully frivolous. It has appeal for all ages.

Eva's charming tunics, "blend an original sense of elegance, playfulness and freedom." She has been inspired in her choice of colors and textures by India's most spiritual places, and all feature stunning detailing in the beading or embroidery work.

They are perfectly accessorized by the colorful collection of purses from the "BagIt" kiosk she has opened with her friend Morella, as making a fashion statement does not stop with the principal dress, but must carried through to the smallest, (or in this case largest) detail, to



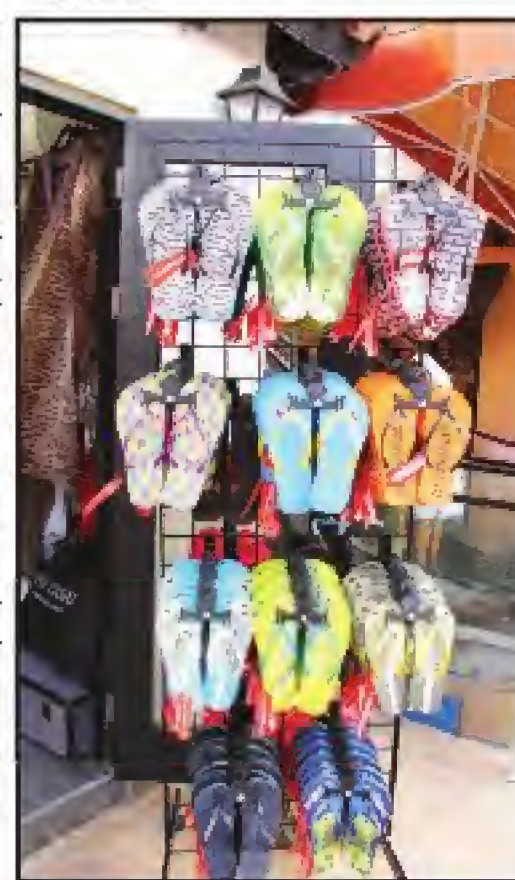
proud to host three new shops featuring her inspired designs, with an array of clothing and accessories to appeal to all ages.

Aside from her dedicated shop "Tunics," with sheer, long tops (as you would expect) and a complete stock of her popular new sandals inspired by the island, called "Arubianas," she has partnered with her fellow fashionista, Morella Salazar, in the new YOLO Store.

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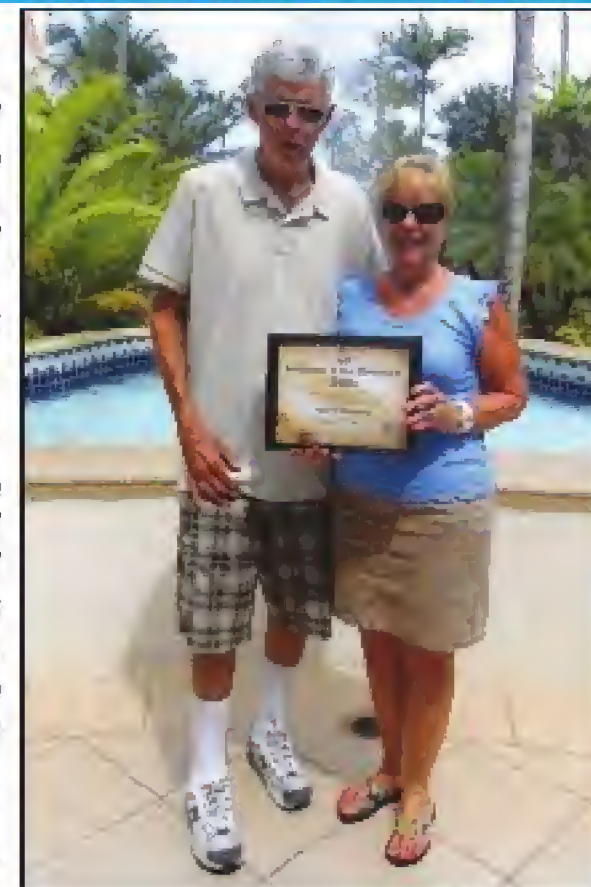
By Rosalie Klein

Thomas and Deborah Hartney honored as Goodwill Ambassadors at the Marriott ocean Club

Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, as Ambassadors of Goodwill, at the Marriott Ocean Club.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20 or more consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Deborah Hartney from Naples FL, USA.

Thomas and Deborah are Loyal members of the Marriott Ocean club, and they love Aruba for the climate, beaches, restaurants and they love to be with their Aruban friends at the Resort. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Lisette Bouwman representing the Marriott ocean Club.





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Playa Linda Beach Resort welcomes GM Steven Marra



The newly-arrived General Manager at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, Steven Marra, brings with him a wealth of experience in both resort and timeshare operations. Marra holds a 25-year long history in hospitality, with his career first launched as a chef and within F&B operations. In an extensive and successful career, he has worked in places as diverse as New York and California, in the US, as well as in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Ecuador, Costa Rica and St. Thomas, USVI. He has made his home in Aruba for the past seven years.

A highly personable nature and hands-on approach brought him in close contact with timeshare owners at the Occidental Grand Aruba, where he spent two years as its Resident Manager.

Prior to that post, he spent 20-plus years with Marriott International, most recently as the Complex Director of Food & Beverage at the Aruba Marriott/Aruba Surf Club/Aruba Ocean Club, where he was responsible for all F&B operations in all three properties. Within his five years there, he increased overall F&B revenue by 35%, in a heavily

competitive environment, through an emphasis on delivery of a quality product and experience.

His trademark approach in actively bringing forward and executing innovative ideas, while simultaneously ensuring satisfaction levels among both resort guests and employees, has garnered him several career highlights. As the Director of Food & Beverage Director at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Beach Resort, in St. Thomas, he was instrumental in raising guest satisfaction levels by 30 points while also doubling F&B profit. While there, he also lent his expertise to the launch of a third property, the timeshare of Frenchman's Cove.

As the General Manager at the Marriott's Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY, he oversaw operations as well as the renovation of new accommodations while at the same time, successfully launched an entirely new F&B product.

As the new Playa Linda General Manager, he intends to employ the same formula in providing for an excellent level of product and service, as well as in securing the satisfaction of all its stakeholders -- owners, guests and employees.

"The Playa Linda represents a challenge in continuing its successful operations," he comments. "It is a great place, where there are great people, who clearly have a passion for the resort."

Already making an impression on his team, Marra could be seen at the resort even before his official start date, which commenced August 1.

Marra, originally from Buffalo, NY, is the father of two boys, ages 12 and 14.

New Tax Building to be named "Armand Wilco Engelbrecht"



Armand "Manchi" Engelbrecht

The very first Minister of Finance for Aruba back in 1986, was Armand Wilco "Manchi" Engelbrecht. This week the building complex located at Camacuri 2 where the Customs Offices, Tax and Import Duty Offices and the Finance Department are located, will be given the name of this political stalwart. Engelbrecht managed Aruba's finances during a very difficult period... during the period just after the closure of the Lago which put Aruba through a most trying period.

In 1977 Armand Wilco "Manchi" Engelbrecht, a school teacher, decided to enter the political arena and joined the AVP Party. Manchi was a modest man, a fighter who fought soul and mind for Aruba to move ahead. On more than one occasion he served as member of Parliament and after Status Aparte in 1986 he became the first Minister of Finance for Aruba. In the second mandate of the Eman Cabinet he was again asked to serve the island as Minister of Finance, which he did admirably.

Manchi was known as a no-nonsense person who knew exactly what he had to do. In 2000 Manchi lost his first wife. That was a hard blow he suffered but with the help of his children he was able to overcome that loss. In 2001 Manchi got news that he had a malignant disease. That began a new fight for him... the fight for his health. After battling for his life, it was on June 8, 2004, in a

Hospital in Holland in the company of his second wife, Lenny and one of his children, Manchi closed his eyes forever.

This week the government of Aruba will pay tribute to Manchi by naming the Camacuri building complex after him. This is an honor he duly deserves because of his recognized contribution and service to his country.



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5.1 magnitude earthquake hits Mexico: USGS

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A magnitude 5.1 earthquake hit southern Mexico on Tuesday, shaking buildings in Mexico City hundreds of kilometers away but so far causing no damage or casualties, officials said.

The quake struck at 2017 GMT in Guerrero state near Xochistlahuaca, close to Mexico's Pacific Coast, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter was not far from the border with Oaxaca state, but 300 kilometers (185 miles) away from Mexico City.

"Earthquake alert, pending," the mayor of Mexico City, Miguel Angel Mancera,

initially said on Twitter, before later adding: "City review protocol completed. No damage or injuries."

After the alert was issued, residents in the capital poured into the streets.

"We ran out of the building because my son has the quake alert app on his mobile phone, but honestly, I didn't really feel it that much," one Mexico City woman, Amelia Galvan, told AFP.

In Guerrero and Oaxaca states, the quake alert sounded on radio stations and loudspeakers, sparking building evacuations. But authorities there reported no damage or casualties.

Venezuela's opposition to appeal election internationally

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela opposition leader Henrique Capriles announced Tuesday he would go "before international bodies" to contest the April presidential vote that brought Nicolas Maduro to power.

The opposition candidate said he had "exhausted" domestic remedies after waiting three months for a supreme court decision on his appeal.

"We will go before international bodies (...) We plan to file our complaint at the end of the month," Capriles added.

Official results gave Maduro, 50, the hand-picked successor of long-time leader Hugo Chavez, a razor-thin margin of just 1.5 percent over Capriles, 41, in the April 14.

Capriles did not specify to which international bodies he planned to appeal, but said two complaints would be filed, one in his name and one in the name the Democratic Unity Roundtable

(MUD), an umbrella coalition for opposition parties.

Despite his questioning of the electoral system, Capriles has said that MUD will nonetheless participate in December 8 municipal elections, so as to not hand the Venezuelan government "a gift."

Bradley Manning's possible sentence cut to 90 years

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US military judge has reduced the maximum sentence that WikiLeaks' source Private Bradley Manning could face from 136 to 90 years, the army said Tuesday.

Last week, Manning was found guilty of 20 of the 22 charges of spying and disobeying orders lodged against him, leaving the 25-year-old facing for than a century of confinement. Legal arguments regarding his eventual sentence are now being thrashed out at Fort Meade military base in Maryland, near the US capital.

Obama says time for Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac shakeup



Obama during his speech in Phoenix

PHOENIX (AFP) - US President Barack Obama called Tuesday for new efforts to support homeowners but he urged the closing of government-backed mortgage finance companies to limit the risk to public money.

Five years after the burst of the subprime housing bubble wreaked havoc on the world economy, Obama made his pitch for reform on a visit to Arizona, one of the worst-hit areas.

Obama hailed a recovery in the housing market -- including in Arizona's sprawling capital Phoenix -- with home sales again rising and foreclosures slowing down.

"Millions of families have been able to come up for air. They're no longer underwater on their mortgages," Obama said.

But even though the worst US economic crisis since the Great Depression has eased, Obama said the United States had to do more to ensure its citizens can buy homes.

"We've got to turn the page on this kind of bubble-and-bust mentality that

helped to create this mess in the first place," he said.

"We've got to build a housing system that is durable and fair and rewards responsibility for generations to come."

Specifically, Obama called for the United States to "wind down" Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the mortgage finance giants that the government had supported for years and then finally bailed out in 2008 during the crisis.

"For too long, these companies were allowed to make huge profits buying mortgages, knowing that if their bets went bad, taxpayers would be left holding the bag," Obama said.

"It was 'heads we win, tails, you lose.' And it was wrong," he said.

But, while embracing the role of the private sector, Obama called for a continued guarantee of a fixed rate mortgage over 30 years.

"That's something families should be able to rely on when they're making the most important purchase of

their lives," he said.

The rival Republican Party, which controls the House of Representatives, also supports ending Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac but has called for a greater market role in determining mortgage rates.

Obama called for other actions from Congress to boost the housing market, including authorizing funds to repair rundown homes and tear down vacant properties.

Obama also made a new pitch for reform to the US immigration system, crediting the arrival of new Americans to the growth of the housing sector.

Immigration is a volatile issue in Arizona, where Republican state lawmakers in 2010 pushed through a law to force foreigners to carry documents.

However, a number of prominent Republicans have blamed the party's hard line on immigration for electoral losses with nearly three-quarters of Hispanic voters choosing Obama last year.



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International News

Building explosion in Argentina leaves at least 5 dead

ROSARIO (AFP) - A powerful blast ripped through a ten-story apartment building in Argentina's third largest city Tuesday, setting it ablaze and leaving at least six dead and 58 injured.

Firefighters said a furnace the building in the downtown Rosario apparently exploded.

The blast wiped away the front of the edifice, leaving the insides of people's homes and gutted balconies visible from the street below.

Scenes of panic abounded as sirens wailed and people ran through the streets or gawked at the ruined structure, some of them crying.

Shards of shattered glass littered the streets.

Mayor Monica Fein said ambulances were on the scene to help people burned in the fire, which she said stemmed from

a gas leak.

As it was not immediately possible to cut off the gas supply to the building, people within a radius of two kilometers of it were evacuated.

"The shock wave was tremendous," the superintendent of a building 200 meters from the site of the explosion told the TV station C5N.

The blast sent flames roaring through the building, as fire truck sirens sounded and traffic clogged Rosario's city center.

Windows shattered in buildings in a radius of several hundred meters from the blast site. The area includes shops, schools and banks.

Rosario is home to 1.1 million people and is located 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Buenos Aires. It is Argentina's main port for farm exports.

Pentagon proposes \$2.7 bn in Iraq arms sales

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon has notified the US Congress of \$2.7 billion in possible new sales to Iraq of air defense and communications systems.

The latest contracts would raise to nearly \$5 billion the value of a series of US arms sales to Iraq that have been sent to Congress over the past two weeks.

Congress has 30 days to act to block the sales, but otherwise they would have its tacit approval.

The biggest of the contracts notified on Monday was worth an estimated \$2.4 billion.

It involves the sale of 681 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and 40 truck-mounted launchers, as well as three Hawk anti-aircraft batteries with 216 Hawk missiles.

Iraq's lack of control over its airspace was one reason why the Pentagon argued that US forces should be kept in the country beyond 2011. In the end, the United States pulled out all its troops because Baghdad refused to grant them legal immunity.

The second contract, worth \$339 million, involves the sale of 19 mobile radio systems and 10 microwave radio systems.

On July 25, the Defense Security and Cooperation Agency sent Congress three other proposed arms sales to Iraq worth \$2 billion.

The package included the sale of 12 Bell 412 EP transport helicopters, and 50 Stryker armored vehicles equipped for nuclear, radiological, biological and chemical warfare.

Cuban dissident's family to sue in Spain over his death



MADRID (AFP) - The family of late Cuban dissident Oswaldo Payá will launch a lawsuit in Spain after a Spanish politician said he did not die in a car crash but was "assassinated" by Cuba's secret services, Payá's brother said Tuesday.

Oswaldo Payá and another Cuban dissident, Harold Cepero, died on July 22, 2012, in southeastern Cuba after their rental car went off an unpaved country road and crashed into a tree.

The driver, Angel Carromero, a leader of the youth wing of Spain's ruling Popular Party, and another passenger, Swedish activist Jens Aron Modig, survived the crash.

An official Cuban enquiry found that Carromero had been driving above the speed limit at the time of the accident, causing him to lose con-

trol of the vehicle.

He was convicted in Cuba of vehicular homicide and returned to Spain to serve a four-year sentence.

But in an interview published Monday in Spanish newspaper El Mundo, Carromero said the official version that he was speeding was "a perfect alibi" to hide the fact that "Cuban secret services assassinated Oswaldo Payá".

Payá's family have always said they suspected the Cuban authorities of involvement in his death and have demanded an international investigation.

Oswaldo Payá was the lead organizer of the Varela Project, a signature-gathering drive asking authorities for a referendum on guaranteeing rights such as freedom of speech and assembly in Cuba. He was 60 when he died.



QUETTA (AFP) - Pakistani men cross a flooded street during a heavy monsoon rain in Quetta on Monday. Monsoon rain and floods have killed at least 58 people across Pakistan and affected tens of thousands of others, officials said, warning of more rain to come

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Some blood pressure meds boost breast cancer risk



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Postmenopausal women who take certain blood pressure medications for 10 years or more face twice the risk of developing breast cancer, US researchers said.

Women who took calcium channel blockers saw a 2.4 to 2.6-fold higher risk of breast cancer than women who did not take hypertension medication, said the research in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study was observa-

tional and did not get into the reasons behind the increase, but experts said the findings may have major public health implications.

Calcium channel blockers were the ninth most commonly prescribed drug in the United States in 2009, with over 90 million prescriptions filled, according to JAMA.

Examples include amlodipine, diltiazem, felodipine, isradipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, nisoldipine and verapamil.

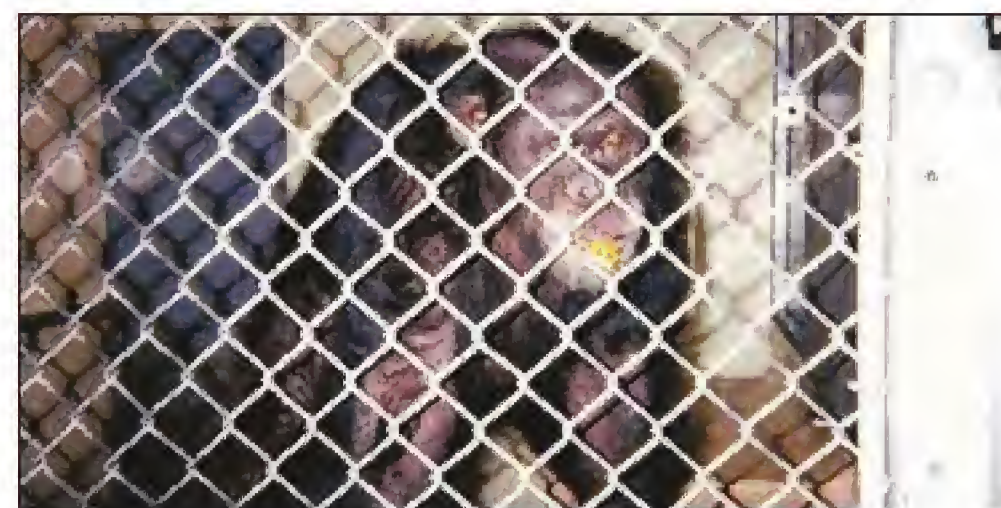
The drugs prevent calcium from getting into the muscles of the heart and arteries, and may widen the blood vessels and slow the heart rate.

Researchers examined breast cancer risk using a population of women age 55 to 74 in the western state of Washington. A total of 880 had invasive ductal breast cancer, 1,027 had invasive lobular breast cancer and 856 had no cancer and served as the control group.

They found that using calcium channel blockers (CCB) for 10 or more years was associated with 2.4 times higher odds of ductal breast cancer and 2.6 times higher odds of lobular breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide. According to the National Cancer Institute, one in eight women born today will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

Brazilian scientists to test AIDS vaccine on monkeys



SAO PAULO (AFP) - Brazilian scientists have developed an HIV vaccine and plan to begin testing on monkeys later this year, a sponsor institution said Monday.

Known as the HIVBr18, the vaccine against the virus that causes AIDS was developed and patented by a team from the Medicine Faculty of the University of Sao Paulo, the Sao Paulo state Research Foundation (FAPESP) said.

The scientists said that, at its current stage of development, the vaccine would not totally eliminate the virus from the organism.

But the vaccine would be able to maintain it at a viral load low enough that the infected person will neither develop an immunodeficiency nor transmit the virus, they explained.

The foundation said the monkey trials are expected to

last two years.

"Our goal is to test various immunization methods to select the one capable of inducing a stronger immunological response and thus be able to test it on humans," FAPESP quoted Cunha Neto as saying.

Provided adequate funding is available, the first clinical trials could then be launched, it added.

Work on the vaccine began in 2001 and the research team -- Edecio Cunha Neto, Jorge Kalil and Simone Fonseca -- plan to test it on a colony of rhesus monkeys provided by Sao Paulo state's Butantan biomedical research institute.

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Sudan floods kill 11, affect almost 100,000: UN

KHARTOUM (AFP) - Heavy rains and flash floods in Khartoum and other parts of Sudan have killed 11 people and affected almost 100,000 in the past week, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

Giving the first official figures for the impact of the flooding, which began on August 1, the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said the capital region and Nile state to its north were the worst hit, but that five other states were also inundated.

Eight of the deaths occurred in the greater Khartoum area, where almost 60,000 people were affected, data showed.

OCHA said "an estimated 98,500 people have been affected by heavy rain and flash floods" in a zone from Red Sea state in the east, through Khartoum state, to South Darfur in the west.

It cited figures from the Sudanese Red Crescent Society and another local humanitarian group, for the period to August 4.

"The flash floods have killed 11 people and destroyed or damaged more than 14,000 houses in the states affected," OCHA said, citing the local aid groups.

"Immediate needs of the affected people include emergency shelter, health and water and sanitation services," OCHA said.

A flight into the capital on Tuesday revealed waterlogged farm fields east of the Blue Nile river, and many areas resembling small lakes in the adjacent urban area, an AFP reporter said.

Drainage is poor in the capital, where even a little rain can cause flooding but this year's water surge was unusually severe.

New records for sea ice loss, greenhouse gas in 2012



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The world lost record amounts of Arctic sea ice in 2012 and spewed out all-time high levels of greenhouse gases from fossil fuel burning, international climate scientists said Tuesday.

Overall, 2012 was among the top 10 on record for global land and surface temperature, said the State of the Climate report issued annually by researchers in Britain and the United States.

When it came to Arctic sea ice, a new record low was observed in September for sea ice and another all-time low for snow cover was observed in the Northern Hemisphere, it said.

Meanwhile, permafrost temperatures reached record high values in northern Alaska and 97 percent of the Greenland ice sheet showed some form of melt, four times greater than the average melt for this time of year.

The amount of carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels also hit new highs, after a slight decline in recent years that followed the global financial crisis.

"In spring 2012, for the first time, the atmospheric CO2 concentration exceeded 400 parts per million at seven of the 13 Arctic observation sites," it said.

Droughts and unusual rains struck different parts of the globe last year, with "the worst drought in at least the past three decades for north-eastern Brazil," the report said.

"The Caribbean observed a very wet dry season and it was the Sahel's wettest rainy season in 50 years."

On a positive note, the climate in Antarctica remained "relatively stable overall" and warm air led to the second smallest ozone hole in the past two decades, it said.

Sci-Tech

Amazon launches online art gallery

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Amazon unveiled yet another business line Tuesday as it works to expand its appeal: Art.

The 19-year online retail juggernaut, which began as a bookseller but now does everything from groceries to patio furniture, launched "Amazon Art" to market works from galleries in Miami, San Francisco, New York and other US cities.

The site showcases more than 40,000 works from over 150 galleries and dealers that run the gamut as far as subject, genre and period are concerned.

Works range from modest canvases like a \$44 cat portrait to Norman Rockwell's "Willie Gillis: Package from Home," which retails for \$4.85 million.

Consumers can navigate the site through medium (drawings, photographs, prints), subject (abstract, nautical, "the body") and style (Realism, Impressionism, 19th-century), as well as by size, frame and color.

There are currently 503 works for under \$99 and 2,517 works at \$10,000 or more. The vast majority of offerings fall between those price extremes.

The art venture is Amazon's latest effort to expand into new business areas, a strategy that has of late yielded more impressive growth in revenues than in profits.

In the most recent quarter, Amazon's revenues jumped 22 percent to \$15.7 billion, but the company reported a \$7 million loss, down from a \$7 million profit in the year-ago period. Analysts have varying opinions on the company strategy, which emphasizes growth first in the belief that profits will follow later.

Amazon shares were off 0.4 percent in late-morning trade.

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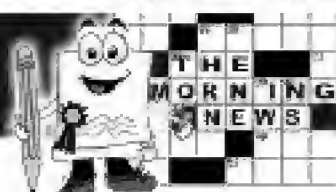
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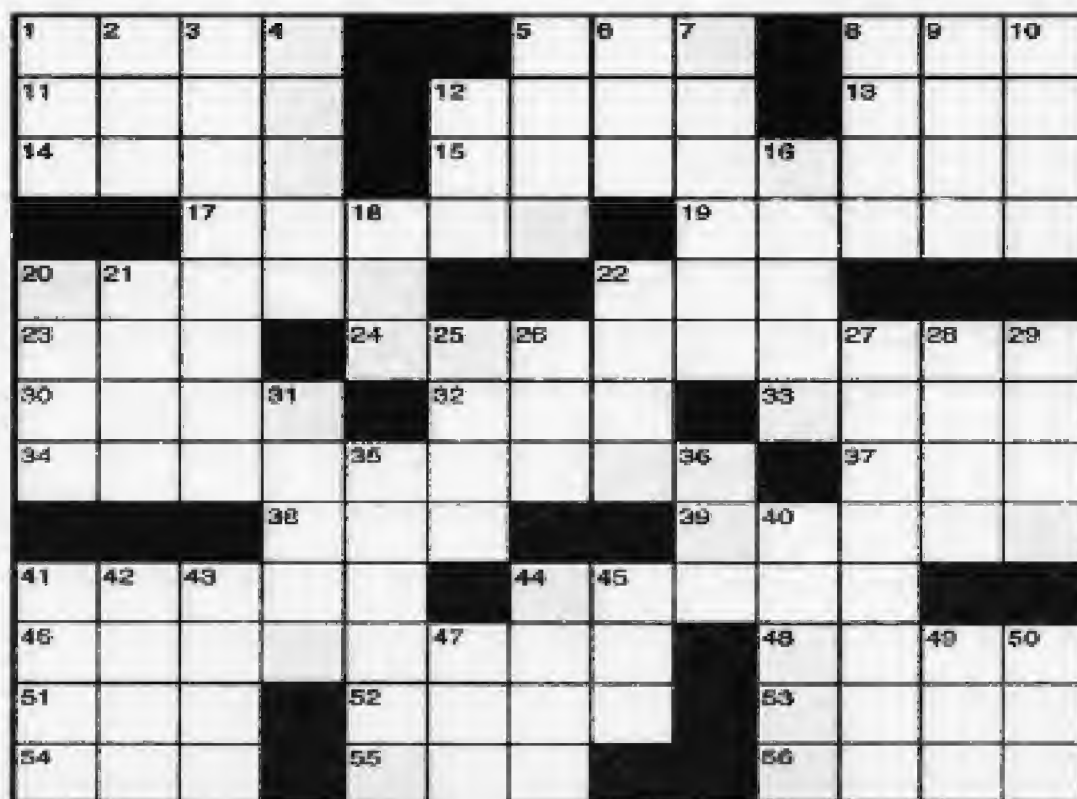
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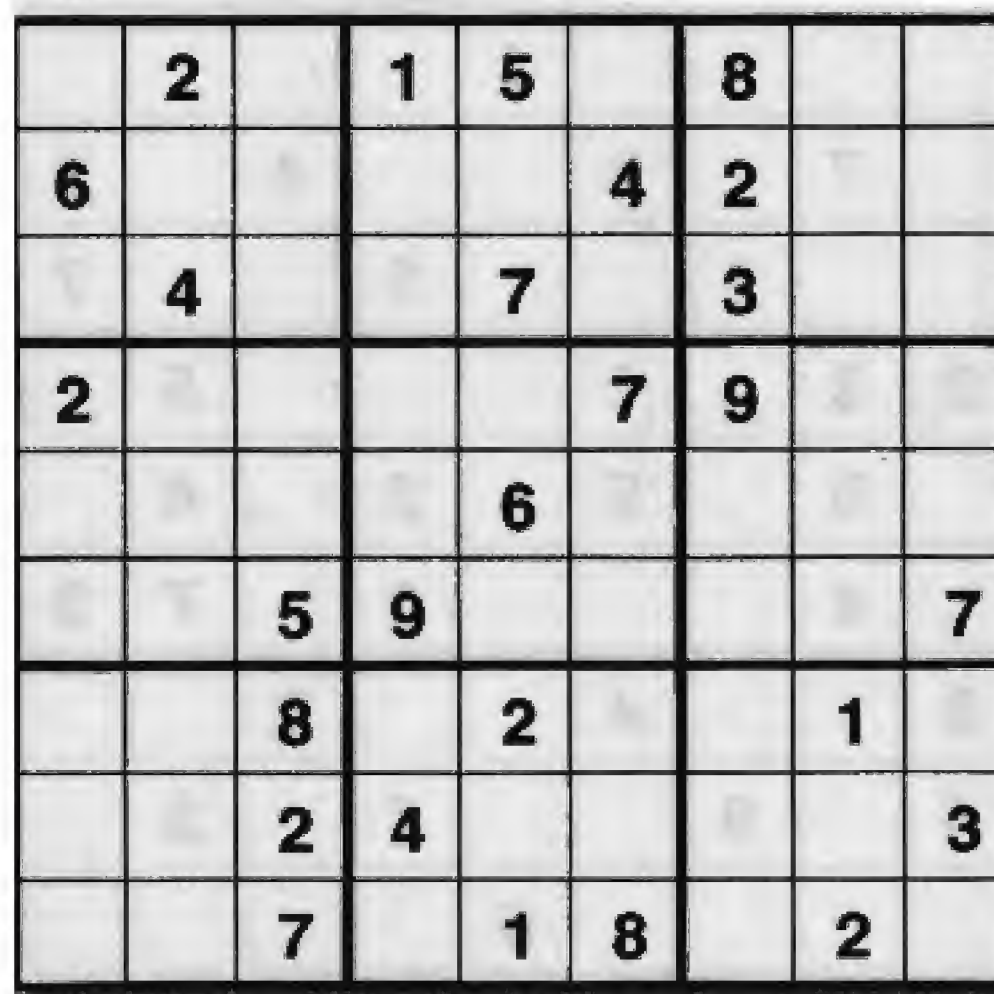
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Finance

Oil drops on looser EPA fuel standard

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Crude prices retreated yesterday in response to a looser US ethanol requirement for gasoline and easing market worries over a possible Al-Qaeda attack in the oil-rich Middle East.

Prices of US benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for September delivery fell \$1.26 to \$105.30 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The European benchmark Brent oil for delivery in September dropped 52 cents to \$103.18 a barrel.

Analysts said yesterday's lower crude price was sparked

by a fall in prices for gasoline, which came after the US Environmental Protection Agency announced that it was loosening a requirement on the use of some types of ethanol in gas blends in 2014.

That drop had a knock-on effect on oil, said John Kilduff, trader at Again Capital.

"Gasoline basically led us lower," Kilduff said.

"The EPA statement has put the pressure on the market," said Carl Larry, analyst at Oil Outlooks and Opinions.

Analysts said oil also experienced downward pressure from news that some Libyan oil exports had resumed and

that production on the North Sea Buzzard oil field had come back online after five days of maintenance.

In addition, market worries over a possible Al Qaeda attack eased after days without incident since the US ordered its missions across the Middle East and North Africa closed due to a detected threat.

Yesterday the US and its allies evacuated diplomats from Yemen out of fear of an imminent attack.

"Every day that goes by with relative calm, we should drive lower," Kilduff said of the oil market.

US sues Bank of America for fraud over mortgage bonds

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The US government on Tuesday sued Bank of America for defrauding investors in the sale of \$850 million in mortgage-backed securities ahead of the housing bust.

The Department of Justice civil complaint alleges Bank of America lied to investors about the riskiness of the mortgage loans backing the securities, and intentionally avoided performing adequate due diligence on the mortgages, leading to investor losses surpassing \$100 million.

The government alleges that more than 40 percent of the loans in one investment did not meet Bank of America's own underwriting standards.

Many of the loans had "glaring" problems such as overstated income for the borrowers, or fake employment data, that made them "wholly inconsistent" with a prime rating, the Justice Department said.

"As a result of this lack of due diligence, Bank of America had no basis to make many of the representations it made in the offering documents regarding the credit quality of the underlying mortgages," the Justice Department said in a statement.

It pointed out that the bank's own chief executive at the time, Kenneth Lewis, had described the loans included in the bonds a "toxic waste".

In parallel action the Securities and Exchange Commission also levelled fraud charges against the bank over the same 2008 mortgage security offerings.

In response, a Bank of America spokesman defended the loans in question as "prime mortgages" that had performed better than similar loans originated and securitized at the time by other financial institutions.

"We are not responsible for the housing market collapse that caused mortgage loans to default at unprecedented rates and these securities to lose value as a result," the spokesman said in a statement.

Bank of America has been damaged to a greater extent by the housing bust than some other rival banks, thanks in part to an ill-timed purchase of Countrywide Financial, once the country's largest originator of mortgages.



Aruba Central Bank: Money supply went up

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin of May 2013

ORANJESTAD -- During the month of May 2013, money supply rose by Afl. 14.1 million to Afl. 3,510.0 million, resulting from an Afl. 22.7 million increase in net domestic assets, which was partially offset by an Afl. 8.6 million decline in net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings). The drop in net foreign assets was brought about by current account transactions settled through the

banking system. Payment for import of goods, dividends and interest surpassed gross tourism receipts during the month under review.

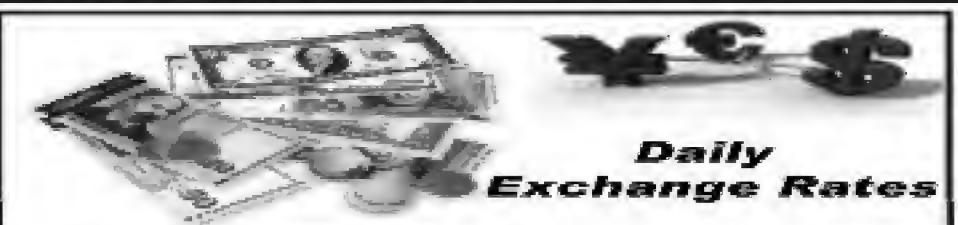
The growth in net domestic assets was caused by an Afl. 26.1 million expansion in domestic credit, resulting from increases in claims on the private sector and on the public sector of respectively, Afl. 23.3 million and Afl. 2.8 million. Non-credit related balance sheet items, on the other hand, fell by Afl. 3.4 million. The growth in claims on the private sector was attributed to increases in commercial loans and housing mortgages of, respectively, Afl. 13.9 million (+1.5 percent) and Afl. 6.1 million (+0.6 percent). In contrast, consumer credit registered a marginal reduction of Afl. 1.2 million (-0.2 percent). The expansion in the net claims of the banking sector on the public sector resulted from a decrease of Afl. 2.3 million in development funds and higher gross claims on the public sector and government deposits of, respectively, Afl. 0.7 million and Afl. 0.2 million.

In May 2013, the consumer price index (CPI) continued its descending trend, as the CPI shrank by 3.8 percent compared to the same month of 2012. The main contributors to this contraction were housing, clothing & footwear, transport, and household operation. Excluding the effect of food and energy (which partly impacts the housing and transport components), the core CPI edged up by 0.2 percent, compared to May 2012.

In May 2013, the number of stay-over visitors reached 72,746, which is 10.6 percent (+6,954 visitors) higher than in

May 2012. This growth was caused mainly by a rise in visitors from Latin America and North America of, respectively, 4,351 visitors (+39.6 percent) and 2,491 visitors (+5.5 percent). The growth in the Latin America market was caused predominantly by increased arrivals from Venezuela (+2,447 visitors or +37.2 percent), while that of the North American market resulted from gains in the number of visitors from the United States of America (+2,535 visitors or +5.9 percent). Additionally, the European market noted a marginal growth of 2.2 percent. The number of cruise visitors grew by 18,524 in the month of May 2013, compared to the same month of the previous year. The number of ship calls went up to 16 in May 2013, up from 3 in May 2012.

In May 2013, total government revenue amounted to Afl. 76.9 million, a slight increase of Afl. 0.2 million, compared to the same month of the previous year. Tax revenue totaled Afl. 73.0 million, a gain of Afl. 3.6 million, compared May 2012. Non-tax revenue, on the other hand, fell by Afl. 3.4 million. The growth in tax revenue was related mostly to gains in land tax (+Afl. 3.1 million), wage tax (+Afl. 2.9 million), import duties (+Afl. 2.3 million) and transfer tax (+Afl. 0.6 million). In contrast, decreases were registered in receipts from succession tax (-Afl. 4.2 million), income tax (-Afl. 2.4 million) and excises on beer (-Afl. 0.5 million). Income from foreign exchange tax and turnover tax (B.B.O.) edged up by, respectively, Afl. 0.6 million and Afl. 0.1 million.



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Netherlands	EUR	234.38	236.52	238.90
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Noise and the city - Hong Kong's struggle for quiet



HONG KONG (AFP) - With its pounding construction sites and constant roar of traffic, Hong Kong is a cacophony of noise with experts and residents calling on authorities to keep a lid on the din for the sake of public health.

In a densely-packed city with a shortage of housing, older buildings are frequently

torn down and replaced as developers snap up prime real estate. On the roads the battle between buses, trams and cars is won by the piercing drone of continuous car horns.

For banker Kenny Chen, 35, the last 15 months have been a nightmare as the area around his apartment block in the up-market central Mid-Levels

neighbourhood has surrendered to juddering construction sites.

"To lay the foundations they have to pound steel into the ground which happens twice a day - the noise and the vibrations are really affecting us," he told AFP, saying that as one construction project finished, another two began.

"My wife had twins a month ago - she was on maternity leave at home but because of all the noise she became very anxious and possibly the babies did too.

She ended up giving birth two and a half months early."

His neighbour Debra Rull, a 60-year-old homemaker from Hong Kong who has lived in the city for 50 years, says the noise has got markedly worse in the last decade.

"The construction and road-works are getting quite some-

thing to put up with - it's continuous. I think the government is concentrating too much on urban renewal."

Hong Kong may boast some of the world's most expensive apartments, but rapid growth in the past 30 years means residents live cheek by jowl even on the outskirts of the city beside busy main roads. While air pollution continues to be a major concern in the city, noise is also affecting lifestyles.

"Noise is a major environmental problem - it's an important aspect of our quality of life that is being compromised," Professor TW Wong, a research professor specialising in public health at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, told AFP. "We need to do more to protect the residential population."

Wong was part of a research team on a government commissioned report last year that found noise was "the most often complained (about) issue of the living environment".

Traffic, renovations, neighbours, construction and demolition were the worst bugbears, with sleep disturbance and general annoyance the biggest health effects.

The government has brought in measures including resurfacing roads, restricting hours for construction work, promoting the use of quieter machinery and creating better-insulated homes, but many residents still suffer.

In 2011 the government included the effects of noise for the first time in its regular Thematic Household Survey Report, which showed that 36 percent of people had suffered noise disturbance at home. Seven percent said they were "disturbed a lot or nearly all the time".

Hong Kong police received more than 45,000 noise complaints in 2012, while the Environmental Protection Department receives around 5,000 noise complaints a year.

Republicans to TV networks: Don't 'promote' Clinton



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Republican Party on Monday threatened to prevent two US television networks from carrying party primary debates if they don't abandon planned documentaries on Hillary Clinton.

NBC Entertainment is planning a miniseries and CNN is working on a documentary about the Democratic former secretary of state as she mulls a potential run for the White House in 2016.

"As an American company, you have every right to air programming of your choice," Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus wrote to CNN president Jeff Zucker and NBC Entertainment chairman Robert Greenblatt.

"But as American citizens, certainly you recognize why many are astounded at your actions, which appear to be a

major network's thinly veiled attempt at putting a thumb on the scales of the 2016 presidential election."

Clinton, a former first lady and US senator whose turn as America's top diplomat earned her widespread praise, is seen as the clear Democratic frontrunner for president.

She has made no announcement of her political plans but the RNC letters -- more than three years ahead of the 2016 election -- show the party's nervousness about a run by Clinton, who narrowly lost the Democratic nomination to Barack Obama in 2008.

In a separate statement, Priebus blasted the networks, saying "their actions to promote Secretary Clinton are disturbing and disappointing."

Meanwhile Monday afternoon CNN and NBC, in separate statements, said they would move forward with the projects.

Singapore cartoonist apologises over satirical strip

SINGAPORE (AFP) - A Singapore cartoonist facing jail time over satirical comic strips depicting the city-state's courts as biased had proceedings against him dropped on Tuesday after he made an official apology.

The Attorney-General's Chambers said it would no longer pursue contempt of court charges against Leslie Chew, 37, after he apologised and removed four offending cartoon strips from his "Demon-cratic Singapore" Facebook page.

Chew regularly posts satirical cartoons. His subjects are usually local politicians, despite a disclaimer on his page saying it is "a totally fictional comic with entirely fictional characters based on wholly fictional events in a fictional country".

In an apology posted on his Facebook page on Tuesday, Chew said the comic strips had misrepresented that Singapore's judiciary "administers differential treatment to individuals based on their nationality, social status and political affiliation".

Ukraine bans US rocker for five years

KIEV (AFP) - Ukraine on Tuesday banned a US rock musician from entering the country for five years after he urinated on a Ukrainian flag at a concert, the country's security service said.

The bassist of the band Bloodhound Gang, Jared Hasselhoff, urinated on a Ukrainian flag on stage on July 30 in Kiev in an incident that was captured on video.

"In the interests of national security, the security service took the decision to ban US citizen Jared Hasselhoff from entering Ukraine for a period

of five years," the Ukrainian security service said in a statement.

Russia on Monday launched a criminal probe into flag desecration after Hasselhoff stuffed a Russian flag down his trousers and then threw it into the crowd at a concert the next day in Odessa, Ukraine. If charged, the musician could face a one-year jail sentence.

A Ukrainian group called "UA Anonymous" on Twitter claimed Monday that it had hacked into the band's website, taking it offline.



Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Fica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes, all quite yummy



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00pm,

Tel: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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Football: Pepe back as Portugal face Netherlands



LISBON (AFP) - Portugal coach Paulo Bento has named a 23-man squad for the upcoming friendly match against the Netherlands at the Estadio do Algarve, with Real Madrid defender Pepe making his return.

Pepe, 30, is available again after a ban prevented him from featuring in the 1-0 win against Russia in June that left Portugal in top spot in World Cup qualifying Group F.

"The return of Pepe opens up a number of possibilities for us. He has a player with potential and the capacity to be a leader," said Bento at a press conference on Tuesday ahead of the game on August 14.

The friendly is Portugal's last game before they travel to face Northern Ireland in Belfast in a qualifier for the 2014 finals in Brazil on September 6.

Portugal squad

Goalkeepers:

Beto

(Sevilla/ESP), Rui Patrício (Sporting Lisbon), Eduardo (Sporting Braga)

Defenders: Bruno Alves, Luis Neto (both Zenit St Petersburg/RUS), Fabio Coentrão, Pepe (both Real Madrid/ESP), Joao Pereira, Ricardo Costa (both Valencia/ESP), Silvio (Benfica/POR)

Midfielders: Custodio, Ruben Micael (both Sporting Braga), Joao Moutinho (Monaco/FRA), Miguel Veloso (Dynamo Kiev/UKR), Raul Meireles (Fenerbahce/TUR), Ruben Amorim (Benfica)

Forwards: Vieirinha (Wolfsburg/GER), Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid/ESP), Danny (Zenit St Petersburg/RUS), Helder Postiga (Zaragoza/ESP), Varela (FC Porto), Nani (Manchester United/ENG), Nelson Oliveira (Rennes/FRA).

Football: Champions League play-offs

PARIS (AFP) - Seven-time French champions Lyon progressed to the Champions League play-off round on Tuesday with a 2-0 aggregate victory over Swiss side Grasshoppers following a 1-0 second-leg win in Zurich.

Earlier, Fenerbahce clinched their place in the final qualifying round after coming from a goal down to beat Austria's Red Bull Salzburg 3-1 in Istanbul for a 4-2 victory on aggregate.

Jonathan Soriano put the visitors into a fourth-minute lead, but Raul Meireles levelled for Fenerbahce shortly after before Moussa Sow and Pierre Webó gave the Turkish giants to a two-goal lead that they would not relinquish.

Meanwhile, Basel played out a thrilling 3-3 draw with Maccabi Tel-Aviv in Israel, a result that put the Swiss champions through 4-3 on aggregate.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Team Luna Rossa Challenge (R) skippered by Massimiliano Sirena in action against Team Artemis Racing (L) skippered by Iain Percy during race one of the Louis Vuitton Cup semi final on August 6, 2013 in San Francisco, California. The winner of the Louis Vuitton Cup goes on to race against Oracle Team USA in the America's Cup Finals that start on September 7. Emirates Team Luna Rossa Challenge won the race



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Racing: Jockey dies after fall in Australia



SYDNEY (AFP) - Australia's horse-racing community was reeling Tuesday after jockey Simone Montgomerie died after falling during a race at the Darwin Cup meeting.

The 26-year-old, a young mother, was thrown from her mount Riahgrand during race six on Monday as she came down the home straight, and was trampled by other horses.

"Simone fell and sustained traumatic injuries," Darwin Turf Club chairman Brett Dixon said in a statement about the trailblazing female jockey who rode 27 winners for the 2012-13 season.

"It is with great regret that we were advised by the family that Simone passed away shortly after arriving at the hospital."

The rest of the meeting, including the feature Darwin Cup race, was abandoned to allow a full investigation to take place.

Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles said it was a sad day for the Australian racing industry.

"Simone was a champion jockey at the top of her game and a pioneer of women in racing who will be sorely missed," he said in a statement.



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Golf: Mickelson to Tiger - bring it on



ROCHESTER (AFP) - Phil Mickelson says playing against Tiger Woods brings out the best in him and that he wants a showdown with both men at their best at the 95th PGA Championship. "I'm as motivated as ever to compete and to play and get the best golf out of me, to

hopefully play against Tiger when he's playing his best," Mickelson said Tuesday. "That would ultimately be the goal. If I can play as well as I can at the same time he's doing the same, I would love that opportunity."

It could come starting Thursday at Oak Hill in the year's final major tournament, where world number one Woods and second-ranked Mickelson are heavy favorites.

Woods, 37, has won 14 major titles but has not won a major since the 2008 US Open even though he has taken five PGA victories this year, including last week when he won his eighth Bridgestone Invitational title at Firestone.

Mickelson, 43, is coming off his fifth major victory at last month's British Open and his sixth runner-up finish at the US Open, the only major he has never won, in June. The three-time Masters winner took his lone PGA Championship in 2005 at Baltusrol.

"I've always been a competitive person, whether it's competing head-to-head with Tiger

or anybody else," Mickelson said.

Left-hander Mickelson says Woods brings out the best in his golf game by being his most challenging rival.

Asked to describe the relationship between himself and Mickelson, Woods opted to give details on how long they have played together on the once-a-year US team events, the Ryder and President Cups, rather than reveal any personal feelings.

"Phil and I have certainly battled in a few majors and a few tournaments here and there," Woods said. "We've gotten to know each other over the years by being on these teams each and every year."

While the biggest public Woods-Mickelson memory from team play is the glare Woods gave Mickelson after an errant tee shot by the lefty when they were paired together at the 2004 Ryder Cup, Mickelson said they have fun together.

While Woods is chasing the all-time record of 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus, Mickelson is chasing a career Grand Slam, lacking only the elusive US Open.

Tennis: Canada's Pospisil powers home charge in Montreal

MONTREAL (AFP) - Canadian Vasek Pospisil powered to a 5-7, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4) victory over John Isner to send the big American back across the border on Tuesday.

Pospisil, the ATP number 71 who claimed a Challenger title at the weekend in his native Vancouver, led a home charge in the ATP Masters event on the Montreal hardcourts which also saw wild cards Filip Peliwo and Frank Dancevic reach the second round.

They joined Jesse Levine, who advanced on Monday.

Isner, a semi-finalist in this tournament last year, went down on the first match point.

In the other Canadian matches, 2012 double junior Grand Slam winner Peliwo won his Montreal senior debut saving a match point in

the second set and advancing as Finn Jarkko Nieminen retired with hamstring trouble while trailing 3-6, 7-5, 3-1.

taly's 13th seed Fabio Fognini, winner of two titles and 13 of 14 post-Wimbledon matches on clay, made a winning transition to hardcourts with a 1-6, 6-1, 6-1 win over Marcos Baghdatis.

Polish 15th seed and Wimbledon semi-finalist Jerzy Janowicz also needed a comeback to overcome France's Julien Benneteau 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Russian Alex Bogomolov notched a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 win over Frenchman Michael Llodra, who was hindered by an injured elbow, while Russian Mikhail Youzhny opened with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) win over Jurgen Melzer.

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DOHA (AFP) - Qatar's Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al-Thani (3rdL), al-Gharafa football club manager and player Bilal Mohammed (2ndR) pose with Brazilian newly-appointed coach Zico (C) after signing a two-year contract on Tuesday during a press conference in Doha, Qatar.



NEW YORK (AFP) - Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao (L) of the Philippines and former world champion Brandon "Bam Bam" Rios (R) of the US hold their first US press conference in the Chinatown section of New York August 6, 2013 to announce their upcoming welterweight fight. The match will begin at 10 am on Sunday, November 24th in Macau, ensuring a prime-time Saturday night November 23rd audience in America. The unorthodox start time copies the strategy used back in 1975, when Muhammad Ali fought Joe Frazier in the legendary "Thrilla in Manila", which kicked off at 10.45am.

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Baseball: Despite doping ban, A-Rod makes season debut

CHICAGO (AFP) - Superstar slugger Alex Rodriguez, vowing to fight a 211-game doping ban, made a controversial season debut for the New York

Yankees on Monday.

Rodriguez took the field against the Chicago White Sox just hours after Major League Baseball handed down sweeping sanctions in the latest drugs

scandal to hit the game.

Meeting the media prior to the game, Rodriguez refused to answer a point-blank question as to whether MLB was accu-



Messi, Ronaldo, Ribery contest UEFA prize



PARIS (AFP) - Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Franck Ribery will contest the title of Best Player in Europe when journalists across the continent cast their vote on August 29 in Monaco, UEFA said Tuesday. The three emerged on the shortlist after a second preliminary vote whittled down an interim 10-strong list. UEFA president Michel Platini began the initiative two years ago in partnership with the European Sports Media (ESM) group with Messi and his Barcelona teammate Andres Iniesta winning the first two editions.

rate in charging that he used performance-enhancing drugs, including testosterone and human growth hormone.

He singled in his first at-bat -- greeted by a chorus of boos -- and finished 1-for-4 at the plate as the White Sox ripped the Yankees 8-1.

While the suspension meted out to Rodriguez isn't as devastating as the lifetime ban MLB reportedly considered, it could be a career-ender for a 38-year-old player.

Rodriguez admitted in 2009 to using steroids while playing for the Texas Rangers between 2001 and 2003, but that was before baseball's current anti-doping rules were in place.

This latest scandal further

taints his achievements on the field, including a 2009 World Series title with the Yankees and 647 career home runs that put him fifth on Major League Baseball's all-time career list.

Selig said the outcome of the Biogenesis investigation was proof of the effectiveness of baseball's anti-doping policies, which have been toughened in recent years after complaints from US lawmakers.

Several stars have admitted to doping, and such icons as US home run king Barry Bonds and pitching legend Roger Clemens escaped doping charges in court cases only after their legacies were tainted.